

**As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:**

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

# "METHOD OF REDUCING OR PREVENTING MODIFICATIONS OF A POLYPEPTIDE IN SOLUTION"

the specification of which:

(check one)    [ X ]    is attached hereto.  
                      [   ]    was filed as U.S. application Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
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(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or (f) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application filed by me on the same subject having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<div> <div>NONE</div> <div>(Number)</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>(Country)</div> </div> <div> <div></div> <div>(Day/Month/Year filed)</div> </div>			<div>Priority Claimed</div> <div>[ ] [ ]</div> <div>Yes No</div>

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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**Pending**

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States Patent application(s), or under § 365(c) of any PCT international applications designating the United States listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or international application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**None**

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